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1. Polish Minister Stefan Szumowski has requested an interview with Miguel Miranda, chief of Argentina's Economic Council, to initiate conversations on a trade agreement between Poland and Argentina. The Minister has been instructed by Warsaw to make certain sacrifices, if necessary, to better trade relations with Argentina. These sacrifices would include the selling to Argentina of materials which Poland could sell at better prices elsewhere or which are actually needed badly in the reconstruction of Poland. Szumowski is authorized to offer Argentina steel, iron materials, and up to 200,000 tons of Polish coal. Szumowski's government would not demand payment in dollars but would accept hides, wool, tallow and other items in return.

2. Szumowski is reported also to have discussed with Argentine Foreign Minister Juan Bramuglia his plan to end all clandestine Polish Communist activities in Argentina [REDACTED]. At the same time Szumowski expressed his fear over the rumors that some Poles and other Slav Communists might be deported. Bramuglia in turn courteously assured the Minister that the Argentine Government was not contemplating any persecution of pro-Warsaw Poles. Szumowski asked whether an appointment with Interior Minister Angel Borlenghi could be arranged and was assured by Bramuglia that such an appointment could be secured.

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